

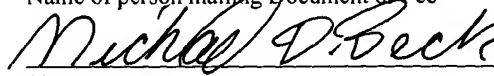
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Articles

1. Bradley, S. and Cullen J.C., "The Use of Methylmethacrylate in the Treatment of Giant Cell Tumors of the Proximal Tiba", Aust. N.Z. Surg. Vol. 49, No. 1, February 1979, (3 pages).
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6. AOM Techniques Manual, date unknown, (11 pages).

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